

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A toner comprising a binder resin, a colorant and an infrared absorbing agent, wherein $\tan\delta$ (loss elastic modulus G'' /storage elastic modulus G') of the toner at 120°C is in the range of 3 to 6,

the binder resin comprises a first polyester resin, or a first polyester resin and a second polyester resin, a weight ratio between the first polyester resin and the second polyester resin being in the range of 10:0 to 6:4, and

glass transition points of the first and second polyester resins are in the range of 50 to 75°C.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 1, wherein a storage elastic modulus G' at 120°C of the toner is not less than 1×10^2 (Pa).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 1, wherein an average degree of roundness of the toner is not less than 0.940.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 1, comprising inorganic particles having an average primary particle size of 5 to 50 nm and toner particles comprising the binder resin, the colorant and the infrared absorbing agent.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 4, wherein a content of the inorganic particles is 0.2 to 3 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of toner particles.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 4, wherein the inorganic particles are hydrophobic silica and titanium oxide.

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 1, wherein the first polyester resin has a weight-average molecular weight of 7,000 to 30,000 and the second polyester resin has a weight-average molecular weight of 30,000 to 250,000.

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 1, wherein a softening point of the first polyester resin is in the range of 90-110°C, and a softening point of the second polyester resin is in the range of 120-150°C.

Claims 11 and 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The toner of Claim 1, wherein a content of the IR absorbing agent is set to 0.1 to 1 part by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 1, further comprising a first wax and a second wax, the first wax having a fusing point of 62 to 95°C, and the second wax having a fusing point of 100 to 150°C.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 1, further comprising a wax, a content of the wax being 0.5 to 5 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 1, further comprising a first wax and a second wax, the first wax being a synthetic ester wax and the second wax being a polyolefin wax.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The toner of Claim 1, further comprising strontium titanate.

Claims 18-22 (Canceled)

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A toner comprising a binder resin, a colorant, an infrared absorbing agent, and a first wax and a second wax, the first wax having a fusing point of 62 to 95°C, and the second wax having a fusing point of 100 to 150°C, where $\tan \delta$ (loss of elastic modulus G'' /storage elastic modulus G') of the toner at 120°C is in the range of 3 to 6.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The toner of claim 23, wherein a storage elastic modulus G' at 120°C of the toner is not less than 1×10^2 (Pa).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The toner of claim 23, wherein an average degree of roundness of the toner is not less than 0.940.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The toner of claim 23, comprising inorganic particles having an average primary particle size of 5 to 50 nm and toner particles comprising the binder resin, the colorant, and the infrared absorbing agent, the first wax and the second wax, and wherein a content of the inorganic particles is 0.2 to 3 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of toner particles.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The toner of claim 23, wherein the binder resin comprises a first polyester resin, or a first polyester resin and a second polyester resin, a weight ratio between the first polyester resin and the second polyester resin being in the range of 10:0 to 6.4.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The toner of claim 27, wherein a content of the IR absorbing agent is set to 0.1 to 1 part by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the binder resin.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The toner of claim 27, wherein the first polyester resin has a weight-average molecular weight of 7,000 to 30,000 and the second polyester resin has a weight-average molecular weight of 30,000 to 250,000.

Claims 30-36 (Canceled)